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S I R :

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed November 28, 2006, the term for response expires on February 28, 2007.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1, 20, 25, 45 and 46 are amended; 2, 3, 21 and 22 are canceled; and claims 4-19, 23, 24 and 26-44 are maintained.

Remarks begin on page 22 of this paper.